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S.B. No. 725

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding for prekindergarten programs at certain school districts that operate early high school graduation programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 42.2527, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.2527. ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS WITH EARLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAMS. (a) As a pilot program to enable the state to evaluate the benefit of providing additional funding at the prekindergarten level for ~~[low-income]~~ students who are educationally disadvantaged, the commissioner shall provide prekindergarten funding in accordance with this section to a school district operating an early high school graduation program other than a program under Section 28.0255 ~~[located in a county that borders the United Mexican States and the Gulf of Mexico]~~.

(b) The commissioner shall provide funding for a school district's prekindergarten program on a half-day basis for a number of ~~[low-income]~~ prekindergarten students who are educationally disadvantaged equal to twice the number of students who received, as a result of participation in an early high school graduation program operated by the district, a high school diploma from the district during the preceding school year after three years of secondary school attendance.

(c) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement

1 this section.

2 (d) This section expires September 1, 2027 [~~2023~~].

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.